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TOGETHER WITH THE

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

ROBINSON BROWN, TREASURER OF GOFFSTOWN FOR 1889.

		Dr.
Received of	former treasurer	$2,006.45
	Grange for use of town hall in 1888, three evenings	3.00
	circus company for license to show	1.00
	money refunded on insurance	5.11
	selectmen, money borrowed	6,000.00
	selectmen, for use of town hall	25.00
	selectmen, for old stove sold	2.00
	selectmen, for wood	.50
	Kendrick Kendall for cook-house sold	10.00
	county, for support of paupers	1,029.51
	Henry Moore, collector of taxes, 1885	20.00
	insurance tax	24.00
	railroad tax	215.36
	savings bank tax	4,496.81
	literary fund	351.26
	New England Order of Protection, use of hall in 1889	12.00
	Selwin T. Martin, for cupboard	3.50
	Grange, for use of town hall in 1889	12.00
	selectmen, for use of town hall in 1889,	17.50
	George P. Hadley, collector of taxes in 1889	11,128.05

Received of William Whipple, tax refunded . .	$1.34
selectmen, out-building sold . .	2.00
selectmen, money borrowed . .	1,000.00
	$26,302.39

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By state tax	$3,365.00	
county tax	2,148.83	
orders paid	20,788.34	
		$26,302.17

In treasury at time of settlement with auditors .	$74.22
School-fund money in bank	350.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

LABOR ON ROADS.

Paid	D. A. Riley, labor on roads in 1888 and 1889,	$3.00
	Mrs. E. J. Ayer	6.90
	Charles C. Hadley	13.50
	A. Richards	8.25
	William McDougall	18.00
	J. B. Pattee	3.00
	L. G. Merrill	8.43
	W. B. Richards	38.27
	R. Pattee	15.30
	J. A. Richards	8.25
	J. R. Ferson	3.00
	E. W. Cram, labor on roads in 1888 and 1889,	26.75
	R. Tirrell	7.23
	R. Welch	3.00
	S. W. Bartlett	2.25
	S. W. Little	7.20
	A. J. Pierce	39.20
	I. Richards	4.50
	G. M. Eaton, labor on roads and bridge plank,	57.98
	E. M. Richards, land damages for new road	25.00
	J. Carraway, labor on roads and stone	7.50
	J. Vance, labor on roads and railing	9.23
	S. W. Dunbar	10.00
	H. B. Wicom	10.35
	W. Colby	2.25
	B. F. Hazen	93.80

Paid	O. C. Lord	$313.20
	P. Piper	18.00
	C. A. Cleaveland	40.65
	J. Lockhead	1.50
	H. W. Kidder	3.00
	J. Bartlett	45.00
	B. Kidder	1.50
	S. R. Fillebrown	1.50
	W. W. Merrill	35.45
	A. R. Aiken	2.25
	L. Sargent	2.25
	E. A. Aiken	3.00
	W. Aiken	1.50
	F. Dufresne	5.50
	G. W. Hunkins	26.00
	G. Tenney	4.50
	William S. Whipple	29.85
	J. Murphy	13.35
	H. F. Martin	8.00
	E. P. & C. B. Carr	16.62
	J. W. Sherry	6.00
	A. F. Richards	26.75
	P. Jones	21.45
	J. W. Hoitt	10.75
	A. R. Peacoy	5.00
	E. W. Roberts	6.75
	J. H. Stiles	13.50
	A. H. George	10.00
	George Brothers, loam and gravel for road	10.00
	Ned Annis	4.95
	G. E. Waite	18.00
	William Hadley	2.80
	E. Whitney	15.25
	S. Shepard	10.00
	A. W. Whipple	4.90
	T. Worthley	2.40
	B. F. Greer	31.56
	D. G. Roberts	12.80
	J. Cram	35.50

Paid H. S. Annis	$3.00
E. Johnson	81.92
G. W. Fellows	34.22
J. B. Lucian	40.30
F. K. Tucker	2.63
D. Shirley, labor on roads and use of watering-tub two years	11.00
H. B. Wyman	18.20
S. J. Dow	50.00
B. P. Stinson	17.50
D. L. Merrill	2.10
D. W. Hoitt	42.00
L. Robertson	14.25
A. J. Hazen	50.00
F. Woodman	5.00
Irad Poor	34.50
J. Daniels	9.40
S. Orr	10.50
C. Sawyer, labor on roads and use of watering-tub	21.75
C. Morgrage	23.50
A. M. Davis, labor on roads and use of watering-tub	9.15
C. H. Martin, labor on roads and use of watering-tub	49.50
C. Stowell	85.45
J. Ferson	18.60
B. F. Stevens	21.45
C. Spencer	14.85
L. N. George	15.50
C. H. Hadley	11.00
A. H. Merrill	2.25
J. T. Gilmore	4.55
E. W. Hendrick	15.00
Z. T. Pierce	9.40
S. J. Merrill	19.80
William N. Poor	39.00
D. W. Stevens	7.50
L. W. Bartlett	12.00

Paid P. Merrill	$1.80
F. Johnson	21.40
G. Plummer	39.30
J. C. McIntire	49.95
C. E. Pollard, labor on roads and cash paid out	27.56
H. Moore	15.00
F. H. Phillips	5.35
George Cox	2.85
G. Woodbury	5.23
C. H. Tibbetts	13.50
J. Tirrell	20.65
J. W. Tirrell	27.25
C. H. Tirrell	43.65
H. L. Kimball	12.83
William H. Boyington	6.00
N. Richards	.90
J. G. Roberts	9.37
H. L. Barrett	2.25
J. L. Whipple, labor on roads and use of watering-tub	8.20
	$2,272.93

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. Morgrage, services after settling with auditors, and cash paid out	$10.76
H. Moore, services after settling with auditors,	5.00
F. E. Paige, printing order and bills	8.00
J. B. Clarke, printing town reports	32.00
Temple & Farrington, surveyors' and collectors' books	3.76
J. B. Varick, chain, post-hole digger, and shovel	6.11
C. Morgrage, decorating soldiers' graves	50.00
W. S. Rowell, freight on castings for scraper,	2.05
J. Alexander, visiting the Vance horse	5.00
J. Bartlett, labor in Center cemetery	9.60

Paid J. Hadlock, repairs on road-machine . .	$60.63
C. Morgrage, express, expenses to Hollis and Tilton examining furnaces, to Concord to pay state tax, and to Nashua to settle with commissioner	49.21
Parker Brothers, grain for town team in 1888 .	37.90
W. A. Holt, use of watering-tub for three years	8.50
E. Seeton, repairing road-machine . . .	7.00
C. H. Robie, concreting	1,543.64
Mary Ladd, use of watering-tub . . .	3.00
F. Johnson, for library and librarian . .	100.00
Moore & Campbell, blacksmithing . . .	14.80
C. G. Barnard, self and team to Manchester, and drawing stone	6.65
Parker Brothers, oil, lead, globes, nails, pails, and broom	26.40
G. P. Henry, snowing bridge, and spikes .	6.04
F. Johnson, recording births, deaths, etc. .	23.76
S. Upton, services as health officer . . .	10.00
S. Upton, services in Shortell and Johnson case	17.79
E. R. Angell, analyzing water . . .	2.00
G. Woodbury, labor and cash paid out after settling with auditors	13.36
C. Stowell, use of watering-tub . . .	3.00
Moore & Campbell, use of watering-tub . .	2.00
S. T. Martin, keeping tramps	6.50
S. T. Martin, cash paid out	6.89
C. F. George, return of births and deaths .	7.25
C. F. George, services as health officer . .	10.00
G. P. Hadley, text-books furnished . .	34.38
O. F. Sumner, text-books furnished by order of committee	14.88
E. Flanders, text-books furnished indigent children	2.15
F. Blaisdell, return of births and deaths . .	6.75
	$2,176.76

SHEEP BILLS.

Paid	J. McDougall, one sheep killed by dogs . .	$6.00
	D. Shirley, damage to sheep by dogs . .	45.00
		$51.00

GOFFSTOWN FIRE PRECINCT.

Paid	Otis F. Sumner, fire precinct money . .	$800.00

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid	Edwin Flanders, committee for town district,	$1,545.64
	Edwin Flanders, extra school money . .	500.00
	Edwin Flanders, for building schoolhouse at Center	1,000.00
	Edwin Flanders, school committee, services for 1888	75.00
	E. A. Blaisdell, school money for District No. 1	1,225.88
	E. A. Blaisdell, extra school money for District No. 1	100.00
	E. A Blaisdell, schoolhouse money for District No. 1	626.00
	E. A. Blaisdell, school committee, services for 1888	50.00
		$5,122.52

TOWN-HOUSE EXPENSES.

Paid	T. W. Richards, lot of land west of town-house,	$100.00
	C. G. Barnard, for stone work on new part of town-house	205.00
	N. Richards, labor at town-house . . .	11.25
	B. P. Stinson, labor at town-house . . .	90.39
	Thomas Shortell, labor on town-house . .	27.75
	Head & Dowst, 14,000 bricks . . .	98.00
	A. J. Hall, labor and stone	21.30

Paid A. J. Morgrage, labor, stone, bricks, and lime,	$55.82
William M. Butterfield, plan for town-house .	125.00
E. A. Blaisdell, insuring town-house . .	142.50
W. S. Rowell, freight on bricks, vault doors, and chandelier	21.70
B. F. Sweet, labor at town-house . . .	5.25
Wheeler Reflector Co., chandelier and pulleys,	104.22
E. C. Morris & Co., vault doors . . .	25.00
Pike & Heald, two chimney caps . . .	10.50
Howard Watch Co., figures and dots for clock,	26.20
William B. Abbott, frescoing town hall . .	125.00
B. Saulpaugh, setting glass	2.04
C. A. Hoitt, eight bracket lamps and chimneys,	10.00
J. B. Fields, labor at town-house . . .	7.41
C. E. Watt, two hitching posts . . .	3.50
G. W. Colby, building town-house . . .	4,177.00
John W. Story, 276 feet boards . . .	4.69
Josselyn & Seavey, chairs	87.62
F. E. Paige, printing	23.34
Moore & Campbell, blacksmithing . . .	17.18
Rand & Jenks, labor and furnaces . . .	365.09
E. W. Goodwin, 11 tons and 400 pounds coal,	81.20
K. Kendall, services as building committee .	19.41
Kendall, Hadley & Co., lumber . . .	18.32
C. Morgrage, 31 bbls. cement, 17 bbls. lime, 1,900 old bricks	87.40
D. W. Hoitt, drawing bricks, stone, and safe .	8.50
C. Morgrage, labor at town-house . . .	131.00
W. A. Holt, use of grange dishes and making coffee for dedication of hall . . .	5.00
Concord Railroad, old railroad iron . .	15.40
C. C. Marshall, numbering chairs and lettering doors	3.00
R. Johnson, plank and wood	13.00
G. M. Story, three loads wood for town-house .	4.50
C. G. Barnard, services as building committee,	5.00
	$6,758.79

TOWN HALL AT CENTER.

Paid William T. Carlton, building town hall . .	$1,500.00
Josselyn & Seavey, 250 chairs . . .	110.02
	$1,610.02

AID TO SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Paid E. A. Kesler, board of J. Harriman . .	$70.00
G. P. Henry, goods furnished J. Harriman .	9.87
D. L. Stokes, medical attendance on J. Harriman	6.50
M. L. Emerson, support of M. Story . .	14.50
C. Morgrage, cash paid out for J. Fields and others	32.95
William Kidder, board of Gould child . .	3.50
H. W. Kidder, board of Gould child . .	26.26
S. W. Dunbar, board of Mrs. Webster . .	49.00
S. W. Dunbar, board of Mrs. Marble . .	49.00
I. Richards, board of John Howard . .	16.50
E. Flanders, school books for indigent children,	3.63
H. Miller, board of Thompson children . .	49.00
Parker Brothers, goods furnished J. Fields .	19.00
B. F. Greer, groceries, wood, and house-rent for H. Frost	121.09
W. W. Wilkins, M. D., services rendered J. Field's boy	10.00
F. Blaisdell, M. D., services rendered John Howard	3.00
G. P. Henry, goods furnished Ann Foster .	11.93
William H. Dubois, clothing furnished John Howard	17.45
Mrs. Hattie Richards, board of John Howard,	134.00
Mrs. Mary E. Wheeler, aid for self and family,	90.00
Mrs. Mary Jones, board of John L. Manning,	104.00
C. F. George, medical services rendered J. Fields	3.75

Paid	C. F. George, medical services renderd Thompson child	$3.75
	C. F. George, medical services rendered H. Frost	9.75
	C. F. George, medical services rendered F. K. Tucker	7.00
	Jesse Nichols, board and clothing for Orin Tucker	54.40
	Jesse Nichols, house rent for F. Tucker and C. McCully	91.75
	G. H. Hoitt & Son, meat furnished Ann Foster,	10.82
	Parker Brothers, clothing furnished J. L. Manning	8.60
	Parker Brothers, goods furnished J. Howard	7.00
	G. H. Hoitt & Son, meat furnished H. Frost,	51.90
	G. Woodbury, board and clothing for Willie Straw	31.00
	D. L. Stokes, medical services rendered Ann Foster	28.25
	G. H. Hoitt & Son, meat furnished F. K. Tucker	53.09
	D. B. Austin, board of Mrs. J. Warren	6.00
	Mrs. M. L. Emerson, support of M. Story	11.50
	C. E. Morse, aid furnished Mrs. U. S. Whitten,	15.35
	G. M. Eaton, 1 cord of wood furnished Ann Foster	5.50
	T. Shortell, care and watching with C. R. McCully	10.00
	C. A. Sampson, care and watching with C. R. McCully	3.75
	Mrs. B. F. Sweet, care and cooking for C. R. McCulley	2.00
	W. P. Pattee, meat furnished H. Frost	6.75
	W. P. Pattee, meat furnished F. K. Tucker	8.14
	W. P. Pattee, meat furnished C. R. McCully	1.17
	W. P. Pattee, meat furnished Ann Foster	1.13
	Mrs. Lilla E. Mudge, aid for self and family	50.00
	C. L. Johnson, aid for self and family	20.00

Paid S. R. George, nursing and provisions furnished Ann Foster	$10.00
Tena Dow, watching and nursing Ann Foster	10.00
Parker Brothers, goods furnished C. R. McCully	9.15
Parker Brothers, goods furnished H. C. Rogers,	2.37
Parker Brothers, goods furnished A. Cushing	5.00
Parker Brothers, goods furnished F. K. Tucker,	14.00
E. W. Goodwin, coal furnished M. E. Wheeler,	14.31
E. W. Goodwin, wood furnished Ann Foster	6.00
	$1,412.16

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid H. H. Dustin, over-tax	$6.36
J. Stiles, over-tax	1.56
Abatement of taxes in G. P. Hadley's list	11.08
Abatement of taxes in H. Moore's list	5.87
Discount on taxes, G. P. Hadley	281.52
	$306.39

MONEY BORROWED.

Of Selwin T. Martin	$400.00
Charles L. Davis	200.00
Albert P. Little	300.00
Guaranty Savings Bank	1,500.00
Merchants' National Bank	2,000.00
Merchants' National Bank	1,600.00
Merchants' National Bank	1,000.00
Interest on the same	126.00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Charles Morgrage, selectman	$144.00
Charles E. Pollard, selectman	54.00
Selwin T. Martin, selectman	73.00
Robinson Brown, treasurer	30.00
Frank Johnson, town clerk	25.00

G. P. Hadley, tax collector	$145.00
R. Johnson, supervisor	8.00
J. G. Taggart, supervisor	8.00
George Pattee, supervisor	8.00
George W. Colby, moderator, two meetings	5.00
J. Tirrell, police services in 1888	5.00
N. H. Perley, police services in 1889	15.00
H. E. Grady, police services	10.00
Auditors	6.00
T. W. Richards, police services	12.00
	$548.00

CHARLES MORGRAGE,
CHARLES E. POLLARD,
SELWIN T. MARTIN,
Selectmen of Goffstown.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Notes and interest		$7,126.00
Taxes uncollected March 1, 1890	$2,060.30	
Due from county	510.00	
Cash in treasurer's hands	74.25	
		$2,644.55
Balance against the town		$4,481.45

We have carefully examined the books of the selectmen and treasurer, and find the vouchers satisfactory and footings correct.

HENRY MOORE,
GEORGE W. COLBY,
EDWIN A. BLAISDELL,
Auditors.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE ROGERS FREE LIBRARY.

The library contains eight hundred and thirteen volumes, an increase during the year of one hundred and fifty-eight. An organization of young people known as the Turn-of-the-Tide Club, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the library, which enabled us to purchase forty-four volumes, as follows: The Marquis of Lossie, Faith Gartney's Girlhood, Ruth Hall, Robert Ord's Atonement, Infèlice, St. Elmo, The Prince of the House of David, The Hills of the Shattemuc, Queechy. Wide, Wide World, Sunny Bank, Bessie's Fortune, Edith Lyle, Forrest House, Homestead on the Hillside, Marion Grey, Mildred, Queenie Hetherton, A Woman's Inheritance, Last Chance Junction, Towhead, The Jericho Road, A Young Girl's Wooing, Miss Lou, Near to Nature's Heart, At the Councillors, The Doctor's Daughter, Our Helen, The Asbury Twins, Doctor Zay, Bear and Forbear, Break Up, Lightning Express, On Time, Switch Off, Brave and Bold, Jack's Ward, Hector's Inheritance, Helping Himself, Jack Hazard, The Hoosier Schoolmaster, Editha's Burglar, Sara Crewe, Little Lord Fauntleroy.

From the appropriation made by the town, sixty-seven volumes were purchased: Motley's United Netherlands, 4 vols., and Dutch Republic, 3 vols.; Prescott's Mexico, 3 vols.; Peru, 2 vols.; Ferdinand and Isabella, 3 vols., and Philip II., 3 vols.; Zig-zag Journeys, 4 vols.; Trowbridge's Works, 10 vols.; Elsie books, 11 vols.; Miss Dorothy's Charge, American Baron, The Dodge Club, Their Wedding Journey, The Rise of Silas Lapham, The

Earth Trembled, A Summer in Leslie Goldthwaite's Life, Beulah, Inez, Looking Backward, The Pillar of Fire, Around the World with Gen. Grant, Abbott's Napoleon Bonaparte, 2 vols., The Mikado's Empire, Home Influence, Mother's Recompense, Under the Lilacs, Jack and Gill, Christmas with Grandma Ellis, Jack Hall, We Two.

We also acknowledge the following donations: A Fool's Errand and The Water World, from Mrs. Mary Hadley; An Original Belle, from Mrs. Abbie Merrill; The American Family Robinson, from Will H. Richards; A Terrible Temptation, Donovan, A Knight Errant, Lorna Doone, Travels of Baron Munchausen, Two Years Before the Mast, Young Folk's History, 2 vols., from Henry M. Rogers; The Mill on the Floss, and June, from Miss Lucy S. Rogers; Mistress and Maid, The Green Mountain Boys, and Griffith Gaunt, from H. W. Russell; Hitchcock and Huntington's Geology of New Hampshire, through Hon. E. C. Shirley; Shifting Wings, and the Flag of Distress, from Fred. Stark; Battles and Leaders of the Civil War ("Century" War Papers), from Mrs. Charles Stinson, in behalf of the Charles Stinson Post, G. A. R.; Lena Rivers, from Mrs. Geo. M. Story; New Hampshire Manual, from Hon. D. A. Taggart; Sevenoaks, and He Fell in Love with His Wife, from Mrs. Chas. A. Whipple; History of the Debt of the United States, Hume's England, 6 vols., Macaulay's England, 4 vols., Gibbon's Rome, 6 vols., from Hon. Samuel Upton. We are also indebted to Arthur Dubois, the Misses Rogers, Miss E. M. Moore, Mrs. Geo. M. Story, and Mrs. Ira Bell, for the donation of pamphlets and magazines.

Miss Lucy S. Rogers has shown her continued and helpful interest in the library by donating a book containing views of places of interest thus far visited in her trip abroad. It is worthy of examination, and may be found upon the counter of library room.

A few books need to be rebound. Otherwise, they are in good condition, and all are accounted for. The librarian reports $9.48 collected for fines, of which $9 was expended in repairing and covering books, and incidentals, and the balance, 48c., paid to the treasurer.

The treasurer reports, —

Cash from last year	$3.76	
From town	100.00	
" Turn-of-Tide Club	38.91	
" librarian	.48	
" interest	2.56	
Total		$145.71

He credits himself, —

Cash paid for books	$108.00	
Care of library	35.00	
Express	.29	
		$143.29

Leaving in his hands a balance of $1.42.

During the time the town hall was undergoing repairs the vestry of the Congregational church was freely given for our use, and was occupied by us about seven months, moving into our new room December 18, 1889. This room is very pleasant and convenient. We need a table and some chairs for the reading-room, and some curtains for the windows.

The library has been open Saturdays from 4 to 8 P. M. It is expected hereafter to open an hour earlier on Saturdays, and to be opened on every alternate Wednesday evening from 7 to 8.

During the past year 4,637 books have been taken out; the largest number on any one day, 137; average number, 93. A catalogue has been published by Frank E. Page, and is sold at cost. If the patrons of the library would provide themselves with a copy they would find it very helpful in making their selections, and would make the work of the librarian much easier.

The library is doing good. It contains a good selection of books. Over three hundred and fifty persons have been its patrons. The interest in it is constantly increasing. It is pleasant, also, to notice that good books are in the best demand. There is a constant call for historical works and works of travel. There is also a demand for natural histories and scientific works and works of reference, and we trust means may be at our disposal to meet in some degree this demand.

SAMUEL UPTON,
For the Trustees.

February 22, 1890.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN.

In presenting our report this year, we wish first of all to thank the many parents who have labored with the board in their efforts for advancing the cause of education in this town.

This has been shown, not only in many personal acts of kindness to us, but also proved by the numerous visits you have made to the different schools, more than a thousand such visits being recorded.

The pleasant and commodious structure which you have erected at the Center is a cause of much thankfulness to all who are reaping its benefits. While many of the houses in the sub-districts are in good condition, some additional outlay is needed in two or three. As your school board believes that the best interests of the pupils call for a school year of about thirty weeks, to have a sufficient amount of funds for that length of school we have decided to ask you to raise an additional sum of five hundred dollars.

We advise our teachers, where it is possible, to attend the teachers' institutes.

We think the schools of New Hampshire need for teachers a smaller number of lesson-hearers, and a larger number of idea-formers. Scholars often repeat a lesson parrot-like, without thinking out the why and wherefore of answers and reasons.

Considering how very much the whole school suffers from the absence and tardiness of so many pupils, we would again beg

the parents to keep their children in the schools, except when keeping them out seems to be a necessity.

We think on the whole, both scholars and teachers have done well the past year. It is our wish to look at the many things we have to commend, seeing the bright side, and as the sun-dial marks only the shining hours, we will not try to hunt up things to criticise.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE INDEPENDENT DISTRICT.

To the School Board of the Town of Goffstown :

We have had three terms of school,—two of eleven weeks, one of ten. The same teachers have been employed during the year. Mr. E. R. Pearse has had charge of the high school, and has given excellent satisfaction. He has been ably supported in the grammar department by Miss Alice M. Lull ; in the middle department by Miss Cynthia A. Worthley, and in the primary by Miss Mary E. McLane.

They are experienced teachers, and have a laudable desire to improve in their work. They have sought and received help from each other. They have attended teachers's institutes, and have availed themselves of the experience of others as given in educational works and teachers' journals. They have given intelligent and faithful labor to the school, and imparted to it a reputation creditable to itself and to the town. Miss Addie Grant has taught singing in the three lower grades with gratifying success. Children love to sing. The exercise in the schoolroom is not only a study, but a rest and a pleasure. As a rule girls sing, so do a majority of the boys, but a boy is a sensitive machine. An adverse criticism, a jeering remark, may work him a lasting injury. Some of us have been boys, and know how an encouraging word helps. Never laugh at a boy for his failure, nor tell him he *cannot* do what he ought to do. Some thoughtless friend may say to him that he has no ear for music, no time, or no tune. Acting upon this statement as true, he sits silent, or more probably in mischief, while others sing. He never learns, and goes through life robbed of one of its richest sources of enjoyment. The number of these silent ones is yearly

lessened. Time works the cure. The boy comes into the primary school too young to have been discouraged, and too full of the spirit of imitation not to do as others do, and he sings, not once thinking that he cannot; he enters the middle school and continues to sing; he enters the grammar school and sings from the habit already formed; he passes through the high school and sings there because he knows how, enjoys it, and is too old to be laughed out of a good thing. Anyone who can learn the rules of grammar or arithmetic can learn the principles of music, and the number who cannot apply these principles to practice are the exceptional and unfortunate few.

In our report of last year we spoke of the prevalence of disease, and expressed the hope that "the scholars had completed their course in medicine," but the unexpected happens, and this hope was not realized. Influenza appeared, scholar after scholar fell before it, then a teacher failed to answer the call of the bell, and in a short time "La Grippe" could look over the schoolroom and like Alexander Selkirk on his lonely isle, exclaim, "I am monarch of all I survey." The school was closed a week and a half, and almost immediately upon its resuming its sessions, a case of diphtheria caused general alarm, and led to the removal from the school of many scholars. The winter term was consequently a broken one, the average attendance reduced, and many names lost from the roll of honor.

The whole number of different scholars attending during the year has been 175. The largest number at any one term was the winter term, 165, distributed as follows: in high school, 44; grammar, 35; middle, 38; primary, 48. The average per cent of attendance was 92. The highest is the high school, 96; the next is the primary, and the lowest the middle, 86.

The school has been furnished during the year with Johnson's Encyclopedia, 8 vols., Webster's Dictionary, and an astronomical and geographical chart. The dictionary and chart were presented by the members of the high school.

We have made some changes in the text-books, having adopted Harrington's Spellers, Lippincott's Readers, Colburn's Arithmetic and Wentworth's series in mathematics.

The text-books previously adopted now in use are Harper's Copy Books and Geographies, Meservey's Bookkeeping and

Political Economy, Barnes' General History and History of the United States, Steele's Physiology and Astronomy, Hooker's Natural Philosophy, Zoölogy, and Geology, Gray's Botany, Swinton's Study in English, and Harvey's Grammar. This grammar we hope to replace with a better one soon. It is our duty to select the text-books for this district. By a recent law it is made your duty to furnish text-books and supplies for the use of all the schools of the town. It will doubtless be more convenient for you and cheaper for the town to furnish, as far as may be, the same text-books to all, and we desire to act with you in the selection of these books, yielding, if need be, our preference to yours.

With the beginning of the next term new classes will be formed, and many new books wanted, and we suggest to you the necessity of immediate action in the matter.

The course of study prescribed for the high school is as follows:

Preparatory. — Reading, grammer, United States history, geography, drawing, penmanship.

First Year, Fall Term. — Reading, arithmetic, civil government, drawing, penmanship.

First Year, Winter Term. — Reading, arithmetic, physiology, and physical geography.

First Year, Spring Term. — Same as Winter term.

Second Year, Fall Term. — Bookkeeping, physics, English history.

Second Year, Winter Term. — Same as Fall term.

Second Year, Spring Term. — Algebra, botany, physics.

Third Year, Fall Term. — Algebra, rhetoric, English literature.

Third Year, Winter Term. — Same as Fall term.

Third Year, Spring Term. — Rhetoric, general history, geology.

Fourth Year, Fall Term. — Geometry, general history, astronomy.

Fourth Year, Winter Term. — Geometry, astronomy, reviewed.

Fourth Year, Spring Term. — Geometry, zoölogy, reviewed.

Latin may be taken in place of one of the English studies, during the third and fourth years.

Commercial Law and Business Practice may also be substituted in place of other studies, during one term of the course.

Declamation, composition, and vocal music through the course.

The treasurer's report shows that he has received for school purposes, including $100 above the legal requirement		$1,351.70
Received to pay indebtedness . .		626.00
for tuition		124.60
		$2,102.30
He has paid for teaching . . .	$1,251.00.	
fuel	100.42	
insurance	80.00	
janitor	75.00	
indebtedness . . .	626.00	
repairs and incidentals .	54.39	
		$2,186.81
A deficit of		$84.51

There have been thirteen tuition scholars, seven attending throughout the year. Nothing has occurred to mar the pleasantness of the school. Scholars have been attentive to their studies, respectful to their teachers, and kindly disposed to each other. A large number of ladies have visited the school. The names of a few men appear upon the register. There should be many more. The school-room is open to all, and the standing invitation is, "Come." A visit from the parent pleases the scholar, helps the teacher, and adds to the attractiveness and worth of the school.

SAMUEL UPTON,
For the Board of Education.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, AND REPORTS.

Village.

Three Terms. — Myrtie D. Barnard, Carrie L. Morgrage, Mary E. Johnson, Willie A. Paige, Maurice C. Pierce.

Two Terms. — Frank E. Moore, Marion S. McCullum, Zetta McL. Paige, Howard S. Thompson, David A. Pierce, Fred M. Buxton, Frank H. Blaisdell, Frank E. Morgrage, Minnie A. Richards, David A. Parker, Effie M. Jenks, A. Maude Luscombe, Bessie E. Snow, Charles A. Davis, Fred L. Stark, Bertha L. Martin, Waldron F. Stevens, Gertrude A. Richards.

One Term. — Carlos D. Miller, George A. Vance, Eva B. Bell, Mabel C. Barnard, Laura C. Brown, Ernest H. Snow, Lizzie E. Brown, Eva M. Stark, Orrin Tucker, Edward J. Sampson, Edith A. Dustin, Phenie L. Jones, Arlie L. Pierce, George L. Bidwell, Carrie A. Brown, Mabel L. Parker, Eva M. Snow, Hattie J. Paige, Charles W. Ragon, George Dustin, Ernest H. Dustin, Walter Nesmith, Russell W. Woodbridge, Arthur F. Moore, Helen B. Carr, George Hall, Gertrude E. Seeton, Edna M. Belcher, Willie C. Moore, Lena Mudgett, Mabel Pecoy, Nathaniel K. Brown, George E. Mudgett, George P. Scruton, Evie M. Smith, Myra Knowlton.

Mountain.

The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Blanche G. Christie. This is a small school, but could not be united with another to advantage. Miss Christie's teaching was a success, and that degree of improvement in everything pertaining to school which we like to see was manifest. A good school and good scholars.

Roll of perfect atteddance: First term. — Mabel A. Pierce, Edith M. Pierce. Second term. — Edith M. Pierce.

Shirley Hill.

The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Georgia A. Cram. A very pleasant school and an excellent teacher. The winter term was taught by Miss Carrie A. Tirrell. Miss Tirrell is both experienced and faithful. The scholars of this district

have made very commendable progress during the last year. This is getting to be one of the best schools in town.

Roll of perfect attendance: Three terms.—Bertie Hanley. Two terms.—William Hanley, John W. Regner, Fred Tennant. One term—Annie O. Shirley, Fred Hanley, Wallace A. Belcher, Walter H. Bartlett.

Mast Road.

The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Mary D. Hamilton. Miss Hamilton is one of our young teachers, this being her first year at teaching. We think good improvement was made during each term. Miss Hamilton was a faithful worker, as evidenced in the examinations.

Roll of Perfect Attendance: Spring term.—May B. Tirrell, William W. Plummer, Lewis O. Tirrell, Bertie G. Tirrell, Maurice O. Whipple. Fall term.—Maurice O. Whipple, Guy J. Annan, William W. Plummer, George R. Cranshaw, Arthur B. Cranshaw.

KENNEDY HILL.

Two terms only in this sub-district, and both taught by Miss Helen M. Barnard. We found this a very interesting school at each of our visits. Although this was Miss Barnard's first experience in teaching, she proved capable and labored with diligence, and good results were manifested at the examinations. In the first term we discovered too many instances of tardiness, but during the second term not a tardy mark was made upon the record. A very commendable improvement.

Roll of perfect attendance: Spring term.—E. Maude Kendrick, A. Eva Kendrick, George E. Roberts, Arthur A. Baithrow. Fall term.—E. Maude Kendrick, A. Eva Kendrick, Susan M. Roberts, H. Lillian Roberts, Alice Roberts, Arthur A. Baithrow.

EAST PART.

Two terms only, and both taught by Miss Carrie A. Tirrell. The progress made here proved that Miss Tirrell had been a faithful and earnest worker. Although good improvement was made by those scholars who continued to attend throughout the

terms, it was not such as might have been had there been fewer instances of tardiness and absences.

We earnestly beg the parents in this sub-district to try to improve in this direction, and secure a more perfect attendance of their children.

Roll of perfect attendance: Spring term. — None. Fall term. — Gracie M. McDuffee, Wesley S. Merrill..

Tebbitts Hill.

Two terms, and taught by Ned H. Roberts. The examinations at the close of each term showed that good progress had been made by all those who had tried to be in the schoolroom during school hours. We are very sorry to be obliged to say that there were many instances of tardiness and absences of the younger pupils of this sub-district. This can be remedied only by the parents, and we ask that hereafter there may be improvement made in this direction. We found some remarkably good scholars in this school, and at each of our visits we can report strict attention to study and discipline. A record of a spelling contest in this school we think worthy a place here. Prizes were offered to the one who should gain the most "head-marks" in the spelling classes during the fall term. At close of term two members of first class had on equal number. Each undertook to spell the other down, but after a trial of two hours and eight minutes the teacher decided to award each a prize, as neither had thus far failed to spell the words presented.

Roll of perfect attendance: Spring term. — Annie K. Ferson, David M. Hadley, Charlie A. Little. Fall term. — Annie K. Ferson, David M. Hadley, Charlie A. Little, Estella L. Davis.

Center.

Grammar school, spring term, was taught by Miss Helen M. Cram. Miss Cram had as usual a good school. She does not spare herself in working for her pupils. No scholar who wishes to learn can be under her instruction without being benefited. The winter term was taught by Ned H. Roberts. Mr. Roberts is a very earnest teacher, and he rendered ten weeks of hard and faithful work. Realizing how much easier it is for a scholar to study in a quiet school than a disorderly one, he endeavored first

of all to have excellent order, and he not only aimed to teach the knowledge contained in text-books, but also a good behavior outside the schoolhouse and around the buildings. The pupils this term had an excellent opportunity to learn book-keeping and penmanship, as one would have to go far to find the equal of Mr. Roberts in these branches. We wish to thank both Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Roberts for care taken to keep the school building from injury.

Roll of perfect attendance: Two terms. — Annie R. Flanders, Harry S. Greer, Sadie V. Sanford. One term. — Lizzie M. Eaton, Adams L. Greer, Arthur A. Merrill, Scott A. Richardson, Alfred H. Tucker, Fred E. George, Albert B. Kidder, Ida D. Merrill.

Pattee Hill.

The spring term was taught by Miss Cora B. Wheeler. The parents and citizens of the district manifested their interest in the school by their presence at the examination, and appreciated Miss Wheeler's instruction. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Emma L. George. This school numbers many fine scholars, and their conduct in school is of a very high order. Miss George labored faithfully and the result was manifest. The school in the winter was somewhat broken by sickness, and closed abruptly.

Roll of perfect attendance: First term. — Eva B. Blaisdell, Ira L. Pattee, Grace M. Richardson, Ida L. Richardson, Maurice E. Blaisdell, Herbert E. Martin. Second term. — Eva B. Blaisdell, Eva M. Hazen, Bertha M. Pattee, Grace M. Richardson, Freddie E. Richardson, Maurice E. Blaisdell. Third term. — Eva M. Hazen, Bertha M. Pattee, Ira L. Pattee, Ida F. Richardson, Herbert E. Martin.

Parkers.

The spring term was taught by Miss Nellie S. Eaton. Miss Eaton labored faithfully and taught a good school. The examination was a success and the every-day recitations were indicative of study. The fall term was taught by Miss Clara M. Martin. Miss Martin is one of our young teachers in town, and evinces an aptitude that is of a high order. The school made good progress for a term of eight weeks. The winter term was

taught by Miss Maud M. Cass. The school was lengthened, by contribution, to eight weeks.

The school was much broken up by sickness, and that degree of improvement could not be expected which perfect attendance insures.

Roll of perfect attendance: First term. — Charles G. Wyman, Arthur S. Pierce. Second and third terms. — Allen J. Osgood, George P. Scruten, Evie M. Smith, Myra Knowlton.

Paige Hill.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Clara M. Martin. Her first school, and a successful one. We trust that she may be numbered among our instructors during the coming year. Although this is a very small school, it makes up in smartness what it lacks in numbers.

Perfect attendance, two terms: M. Elsie Moore, Jennie M. Paige, Flora A. Paige.

EDWIN FLANDERS,
D. G. ROBERTS,
GEORGE P. HADLEY,
School Board.

Financial Account of the School Board.

Balance from last year	$28.82
Amount of school money for 1889	1,545.64
Received for tuition of scholars	14.50
Surplus school money, expended in districts where held	129.75
For old schoolhouse and stove	98.50
Appropriation for building at Centre	1,000.00
Borrowed, giving district note therefor	2,000.00
Amount raised for repairs	500.00
	$5,317.21
Amount in full for salaries of teachers, fuel, and incidentals	$1,608.12
For building new schoolhouse at Centre, and repairs	3,527.56
	$5,135.68
Amount on hand	$181.53

EDWIN FLANDERS,
Treasurer.

Goffstown, February 24, 1890.

We have examined the books of the board of education and the treasurer's accounts, and find the vouchers satisfactory and the footings correct.

GEO. W. COLBY,
EDWIN A. BLAISDELL,
Auditors.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of School.	Terms.	Teachers.	Weeks of school.	Wages per month.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Visits of the board	Visits of parents and others.	No. of scholars not absent.
1	Spring	E. R. Pearse	11	$60 00	29	26	4	60	7
	Spring	Alice M. Lull	11	32 00	38	32	7	64	9
	Spring	Cynthia A. Worthley	11	32 00	32	29	7	45	9
	Spring	Mary E. McLane	11	24 00	55	51	7	64	7
1	Fall	E. R. Pearse	11	60 00	40	38	4	55	15
	Fall	Alice M. Lull	11	32 00	34	31	7	30	8
	Fall	Cynthia A. Worthley	11	32 00	36	33	6	48	4
	Fall	Mary E. McLane	10	28 00	49	46	6	49	11
1	Winter	E. R. Pearse	10	60 00	44	38	4	30	5
	Winter	Alice M. Lull	10	32 00	38	28	4	29	4
	Winter	Cynthia A. Worthley	10	32 00	35	20	4	19	3
	Winter	Mary E. McLane	10	28 00	48	43	4	32	4
2	Spring	Blanche G. Christie	10	22 00	6	5	3	8	2
	Fall	Blanche G. Christie	11	22 00	10	4	2	5	1
3	Spring	Georgia E. Cram	12	22 00	14	9	2	34	5
	Fall	Georgia E. Cram	10	25 00	14	10	2	27	2
	Winter	Carrie A. Tirrell	10*	25 00	17	13	5	20	6
4	Spring	Helen M. Barnard	10	20 00	10	8	2	18	4
	Fall	Helen M. Barnard	11	22 00	14	14	3	17	6
5	Spring	Mary D. Hamilton	10	20 00	16	15	6	14	5
	Fall	Mary D. Hamilton	9	22 00	14	10	3	19	5
7	Spring	Carrie A. Tirrell	10	22 00	15	7	2	10	0
	Fall	Carrie A. Tirrell	11*	24 00	12	3	4	12	2
8	Spring	Ned H. Roberts	10	24 00	14	11	4	15	3
	Fall	Ned H. Roberts	11	28 00	20	11	2	20	4
9	Spring	Helen M. Cram	9	28 00	29	25	4	44	4
	Spring	Mildred G. Soule	9	20 00	21	18	5	43	3
	Fall	Ned H. Roberts	10	28 00	37	32	2	47	5
	Fall	Nellie E. Whitney	10	25 00	29	23	2	32	2
10	Spring	Cora B. Wheeler	10	28 00	25	23	6	49	6
	Fall	Emma L. George	8	28 00	25	22	2	22	7
	Winter	Emma L. George	7*	28 00	22	19	1	10	5
11	Spring	Nellie S. Eaton	10	22 00	19	14	10	15	2
	Fall	Clara M. Martin	8	24 00	20	15	3	7	1
	Winter	Maude M. Cass	8†	22 00	20	12	1	9	1
12	Spring	Clara M. Martin	10	20 00	5	4	2	12	3
	Fall	Clara M. Martin	10	22 00	8	7	4	20	3

* Sustained in part by surplus of district.
† Sustained in part by subscription.

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